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1. WE NOTE STATE 65137 (GUIDANCE ON GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT)
ALREADY TRANSMITTED TO BOGOTA ON 14 MARCH 78. WILL NOT
REPEAT AGAIN UNLESS EMBASSY ADVISES US TO DO SO.

2. FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND, WE PROVIDE IN PARAS 3-7
BELOW EXERPTS FROM HELMAN'S JUNE 27 SPEECH TO THE UN OSC.

3. THE MOON TREATY: "SINCE 1972, THIS COMMITTEE AND ITS
LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING A TREATY ON THE
MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES. THE WORK OF THIS COMMIT-
TEE, AND ITS LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE, HAS THUS BEEN DIRECTED
TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WITH
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RESPECT TO OUTER SPACE. DURING THE 17TH SESSION OF THE
LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE, AN EFFORT WAS MADE THROUGH INFORMAL
DISCUSSIONS TO REACH A COMPROMISE ON THREE OUTSTANDING
ISSUES:

-- THE SCOPE OF THE TREATY;

-- THE INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED UNDER SPECIFIED CIR-

CUMSTANCES; AND

-- THE EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

"THE RESULT OF THAT EFFORT IS EMBODIED IN THE AUSTRIAN TEXT WHICH IS ANNEXED TO THE REPORT OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE. THE REPORT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TEXT WOULD FACILITATE THE REACHING OF A CONSENSUS. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THIS COMMITTEE OWES THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES ITS GRATITUDE FOR THEIR EFFORTS. THE ADVANCES OUR WORK SUBSTANTIALLY AND MY DELEGATION LOOKS FORWARD TO HEARING THE VIEWS OF OTHERS ON ITS CONTENTS."

4. DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES: "A FURTHER ISSUE WHICH HAS OCCUPIED CONSIDERABLE SERIOUS DISCUSSION BY THIS COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBCOMMITTEES IS THAT OF DIRECT BROADCAST FROM SATELLITES. ON THIS, I WANT TO AFFIRM OUR POSITION THAT DIRECT BROADCAST PRINCIPLES MUST NOT INFRINGE UPON THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RIGHT TO SEEK, RECEIVE AND IMPART INFORMATION AND IDEAS THROUGH ANY MEDIA AND REGARDLESS OF FRONTIERS. ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES HAS NO PLAN TO ENGAGE IN DIRECT BROADCAST BY SATELLITE INTERNATIONALLY, WE REMAIN UNABLE TO ACCEPT A FORMULA WHICH IS OPEN TO THE INTERPRETATION THAT PRIOR CONSENT IS REQUIRED BEFORE ESTABLISHING A DIRECT BROADCAST SYSTEM OR INITIATING A PARTICULAR BROADCAST. WE DO HOPE THAT WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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GOOD WILL BY ALL CONCERNED STATES, THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE."

5. NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES: "ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES WITHIN THIS COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION IS THAT OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES FOR SPACE. CERTAIN BENEFITS THAT MAY BE REALIZED FROM THE APPLICATION OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY PRESENT ENERGY REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY BEST BE MET BY NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES. THE SAFE USE OF SUCH SOURCES DEMANDS THAT PRECAUTIONS BE TAKEN AGAINST HAZARDS TO HUMANITY. THE UNITED STATES ADHERES TO PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST THESE HAZARDS AND HAS FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO OPERATE NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN SPACE IN A MANNER THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE VARIOUS EXIGENCIES THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO OCCUR ON LAUNCH, OPERATION OR ACCIDENTAL RE-ENTRY.

"WE HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED A WORKING PAPER TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (A/AC.105.L.102) DESCRIBING THE USES MADE BY THE UNITED STATES OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN SPACE. THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

SUBCOMMITTEE, AT PARAGRAPH 142 OF THE REPORT ON ITS 15TH SESSION, NOTED THAT STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT PROVIDE

" CH INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE. WE URGE THOSE STATES THAT HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO TO PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE USES OF NUCLEAR POWER IN SPACE. WE SHALL RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT LATER IN THIS SESSION."

6. DEFINITION OF OUTER SPACE: "AN ISSUE OF INTEREST TO US, MR. CHAIRMAN, IS THE DEFINITION OF OUTER SPACE. SOME DELEGATIONS BELIEVE THAT SUCH A DEFINITION WOULD BE USEFUL AND THAT THERE IS A CONVENIENT AND APPROPRIATE ALTITUDE AT WHICH A DEMARCATION LINE COULD BE DRAWN, ALTHOUGH EVEN UNCLASSIFIED

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AMONG THESE STATES THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON WHAT THE ALTITUDE SHOULD BE. ON THIS QUESTION, I BELIEVE THE VIEWS OF MY DELEGATION ARE WELL KNOWN. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ADVANCED ANY COMPELLING LEGAL OR TECHNICAL NEED OR JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH A DEFINITION. IN MAINTAINING THIS POSITION, THE UNITED STATES HAS CONTINUED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THOSE WHO ARGUE ON BEHALF OF A DEFINITION OF OUTER SPACE. HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME, WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH CAN BE BETTER DEALT WITH IF THERE WERE A DEFINITION. THIS BEING SAID, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THIS COMMITTEE RELATED TO THIS ISSUE.

"AN ISSUE ANCILLARY TO THE QUESTION OF DEFINING OUTER SPACE IS THE STATUS OF THE GEO-STATIONARY ORBIT. MY DELEGATION HAS GIVEN FURTHER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE VIEWS WHICH HAVE BEEN PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO SUGGEST THAT THE GEO-STATIONARY ORBIT IS SUBJECT TO CLAIMS OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. I MUST SAY THAT NEITHER ON SCIENTIFIC NOR LEGAL GROUNDS DO WE FIND MERIT IN THIS SUGGESTION. THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE GEO-STATIONARY ORBIT IS IN OUTER SPACE, AND THAT ITS STATUS IS GOVERNED BY THE EXISTING TREATY ON OUTER SPACE."

7. OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE: "MR. CHAIRMAN, IN LOOKING TO THE FUTURE I WISH TO RECONFIRM THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A SECOND UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE. WE HOPE THAT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN THIS SESSION OF OUR COMMITTEE IN IMPARTING MOMENTUM TO OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE. WE FULLY CONCUR IN THE MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WISELY EMPHASIZE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SPACE RESEARCH APPLIED UNCLASSIFIED

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CATION, THE ELABORATION OF BENEFITS FROM SPACE TECHNOLOGY,
AND THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE STUDY
OF BENEFITS FROM SPACE APPLICATIONS.

"FOR THIS PROSPECTIVE CONFERENCE, AS IN THE WORK OF THIS
COMMITTEE THROUGH THE YEARS, I CAN OFFER THE STRONG SUPPORT
OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE
EVOLUTION OF THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE. VANCE

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